

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Previously presented) A pellicle for protecting a reticle, on which a circuit pattern is formed for manufacturing a semiconductor device, from an attachment of a foreign matter, comprising:

a pellicle film;

a pellicle frame comprising:

a body part having a frame shape, the height of which is substantially constant;

and

an upper protruding part on an upper end of said body part that protrudes upward from said upper end of said body part and directly contacts a surface of said pellicle film, the height of said upper protruding part being constant; and

an adhesive between the body part and the pellicle film and contacting said upper protruding part of said pellicle frame.

Claim 2. (Previously presented) The pellicle as claimed in claim 1, wherein said upper protruding part is on an inner edge of said upper end of said body part.

Claim 3. (Previously presented) The pellicle as claimed in claim 1, wherein said upper protruding part is on an outer edge of said upper end of said body part.

Claim 4. (Previously presented) The pellicle as claimed in claim 1, wherein said upper protruding part comprises upper protruding parts on an inner edge and an outer edge of said upper end of said body part so that a recessed part is formed between said upper protruding

parts.

Claim 5. (Previously presented) The pellicle as claimed in claim 1, wherein said pellicle frame further comprises a lower protruding part on a lower end of said body part that protrudes downward from said lower end of said body part and directly contacts a surface of said reticle, the height of said lower protruding part being constant.

Claim 6. (Previously presented) The pellicle as claimed in claim 5, wherein said lower protruding part is on an inner edge of said lower end of said body part.

Claim 7. (Previously presented) The pellicle as claimed in claim 5, wherein said lower protruding part is on an outer edge of said lower end of said body part.

Claim 8. (Previously presented) The pellicle as claimed in claim 5, wherein said lower protruding part comprises lower protruding parts on an inner edge and an outer edge of said lower end of said body part so that a recessed part is formed between said lower protruding parts.

Claim 9. (Previously presented) The pellicle as claimed in claim 1, wherein said pellicle film and said pellicle frame is adhered such that said upper protruding part directly contacts a surface of said pellicle film, and an upper end of said body part contacts said surface of said pellicle film through an adhesive.

Claim 10. (Previously presented) The pellicle as claimed in claim 5, further comprising another adhesive between the lower end of said body part and said surface of said reticle.

Claim 11. (Previously presented) The pellicle as claimed in claim 1, wherein a top end of said upper protruding part comprises a sharp edge.

Claim 12. (Previously presented) The pellicle as claimed in claim 5, wherein a bottom end of said lower protruding part contacts said reticle at one point along a cross sectional direction perpendicular to a longitudinal direction of said lower protruding part.

Claim 13. (Previously presented) The pellicle as claimed in claim 1, wherein said upper protruding part is all around an upper end of said body part.

Claim 14. (Previously presented) A photomask comprising:

a reticle, on which a circuit pattern is formed for manufacturing a semiconductor device;

a pellicle for protecting said reticle from an attachment of a foreign matter; and

an adhesive between the body part and the pellicle,

wherein said pellicle comprises:

a pellicle film; and

a pellicle frame comprising

a body part having a frame shape, the height of which is substantially constant; and

an upper protruding part on an upper end of said body part that protrudes upward from said upper end of said body part and directly contacts a surface of said pellicle film, the height of said upper protruding part being constant, wherein said adhesive contacts said upper protruding part of said pellicle frame.

Claim 15. (Previously presented) The photomask as claimed in claim 14, further comprising a lower protruding part on a lower end of said body part that protrudes downward from said lower end of said body part and directly contacts a surface of said reticle, the height of said lower protruding part being constant all over said lower protruding part.

Claim 16. (Previously presented) The photomask as claimed in claim 15, wherein said upper protruding part is on an inner edge of said upper end of said body part, and said lower protruding part is on an inner edge of said lower end of said body part.

Claim 17. (Previously presented) The photomask as claimed in claim 15, wherein said upper protruding part is on an outer edge of said upper end of said body part, and said lower protruding part is on an outer edge of said lower end of said body part.

Claim 18. (Previously presented) The photomask as claimed in claim 15, wherein:
said upper protruding part comprises upper protruding parts on an inner edge and an outer edge of said upper end of said body part so that an upper recessed part is formed between said upper protruding parts; and

said lower protruding part comprises lower protruding parts on both an inner edge and an outer edge of said lower end of said body part so that a lower recessed part is formed between said lower protruding parts.

Claim 19. (Currently amended) A pellicle frame between a reticle and a pellicle film, comprising:

a first portion directly contacting said pellicle film;
an adhesive film contacting said pellicle film; and
a second portion contacting said first portion and said adhesive film, wherein said first portion contacts said adhesive film, wherein said first portion directly contacts said reticle.

Claim 20. (Currently amended) The pellicle frame as claimed in claim 19, further comprising another adhesive film contacting said second portion and said reticle, ~~wherein said first portion directly contacts said reticle.~~

Claim 21. (Previously presented) The pellicle frame as claimed in claim 19, wherein a difference of height between said first portion and said second portion serves as an adhesive accommodation part for accommodating said adhesive film.

Claim 22. (Canceled).

Claim 23. (Previously presented) The pellicle of claim 1, wherein said pellicle film contacts a part of said upper protruding part and said adhesive, when said pellicle film is

mounted on said pellicle frame.

Claim 24. (Previously presented) The photomask of claim 14, wherein said pellicle film contacts a part of said upper protruding part and said adhesive, when said pellicle film is mounted on said pellicle frame.

Claim 25. (Previously presented) The pellicle frame of claim 19, wherein said first portion of said pellicle frame comprises an upper protruding part that contacts said pellicle film, when said pellicle film is mounted on said pellicle frame.

Claim 26. (New) The pellicle frame of claim 19, wherein said pellicle frame is divided in a vertical direction to form said first portion and said second portion.

Claim 27. (New) The pellicle frame of claim 19, wherein said first portion comprises:
an upper protruding part on an upper end of a body portion part; and
a lower protruding part on a lower end of a body portion part.

Claim 28. (New) The pellicle frame of claim 27, wherein said upper protruding part contacts said pellicle film.

Claim 29. (New) The pellicle frame of claim 27, wherein said lower protruding part contacts said reticle.

Claim 30. (New) The pellicle frame of claim 19, wherein a height of said first portion is substantially constant and a height of said second portion is substantially constant.